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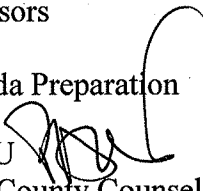
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Gabriel Gonzales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 485 178

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Gabriel Gonzales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC485178
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 22, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 340,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Hornberger Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$340,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Gabriel Gonzales alleging excessive force by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Ms. Gonzales' actions.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$340,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 84,368
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,629